

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2021 HELD AT 705 W. UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LAFAYETTE, LA.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: John J. Guilbeau (Chair, District 4), Abraham “AB” Rubin (Vice-Chair District 5), Bryan Tabor (District 1), Kevin Naquin (District 2) and Josh Carlson (District 3)

ABSENT: None

COUNCIL STAFF: Veronica L. Williams (Clerk of the Council) and Cindy M. Hebert (Administrative Assistant)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Joshua Guillory (Lafayette Mayor-President), Cydra Wingerter (Chief Administrative Officer), Lorrie Toups (Chief Financial Officer), Paul Escott (Assistant City-Parish Attorney) and Mary Sliman (Director of Development and Planning)

(4:30:00) **COMMENCEMENT**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order

Chair Guilbeau called the Regular Parish Council Meeting of February 9, 2021 to order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Guilbeau called upon Councilmember Tabor to cite the invocation and Councilmember Carlson, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME AND CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guilbeau made the following announcements:

- Due to the Mardi Gras holiday, the Council Meetings for February and March have been scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, instead of the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Meetings will return to their typical schedule in April.
- Item #11, (PO-002-2021 – (.175 mils cultural rededication) – Finance is requesting an amendment to substitute a revised budget revision which includes more details on the allocation of funds.
- Welcomed Louisiana State Representative Jonathan Goudeau and thanked him for attending the Council meeting.
- Announced that the mask mandate ordinance is not on the Parish Council agenda but will be discussed and voted on during the City Council Emergency meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Council Announcements were made.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: EXECUTIVE/MAYOR-PRESIDENT’S REPORT

a. Budget-to-Actual Comparison of Major Parish Funds – December 2020 Preliminary
-Guillory noted that the monthly Budget to Actual Comparisons are to comply with statewide auditing procedures.

b. Lafayette Reads Together Proclamation
Larry Angelle accepted the proclamation.. Lafayette Reads Together will run January 19th – March 14th and will include book discussions and programs for adults and teens online.

c. Black History Month Proclamation
Guillory declared the month of February Black History Month. Carlos Harvin, Chief of Minority Affairs encouraged all residents to honor Black American history and culture.

Guillory thanked Williams for accommodating Bishop Deshotel during his visit to City Hall on Friday.

Williams announced that the Black Pages of Greater Lafayette will be distributing free copies this coming weekend and at agencies throughout Lafayette.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Recognition – Carencro High School State Champion Football Team
Tabor congratulated the football team on their success. He presented a plaque to the head coach.

REPORT AND/OR DISCUSSION ITEM

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: LCG OpenBook – Online Budget Interactive Tool
Toups announced that residents can now view and download up to three (3) years of LCG financial data. The website can be found at www.LCG.OpenBook.Question.com. Toups explained that this website will be updated every Monday.

RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: PR-003-2021 A resolution of the Lafayette Parish Council acknowledging that Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government supports the City of Carencro in applying for a grant to aide in funding various drainage improvements projects and detention pond projects as part of the Lafayette Watershed Initiative, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Tabor.

A motion to change Lafayette Watershed Initiative to Louisiana Watershed Initiative in the title and in Section 1 was offered by Naquin, seconded by Carlson, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to amend was approved.

The vote to adopt, as amended, was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt, as amended, was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: PR-004-2021 A resolution of the Lafayette Parish Council acknowledging that Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government supports Vermilion Parish in applying for a grant to aide in the North Vermilion Regional Detention Pond project as part of the Lafayette Watershed Initiative, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Carlson.

A motion to change Lafayette Watershed Initiative to Louisiana Watershed Initiative in the title and in Section 1 was offered by Carlson, seconded by Rubin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to amend was approved.

The vote to adopt, as amended, was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt, as amended, was approved.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: JR-005-2021 A resolution of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing a non-warranty cash sale of 146 Sandest Drive to an adjoining landowner pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2202(B) for the price of the sale's anticipated costs, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Carlson, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: JR-006-2021 A resolution of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing a non-warranty cash sale of 323 Nottingham Circle to an adjoining landowner pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2202(B) for the price of the sale's anticipated costs, motion to adopt by Tabor, seconded by Rubin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: PO-002-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by rededicating 0.175 mills from Fund 274 Cultural Economy to new Fund 279 Parishwide Fire Protection, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Carlson.

A motion to substitute a revised budget revision which includes more details on the allocation of funds was offered by Naquin, seconded by Rubin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to amend was approved.

The vote to adopt, as amended, was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt, as amended, was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: PO-003-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring \$300,000 from Upgrade LPCC Elevators to LPCC Improvements/Repairs within the Public Works Department, Capital Improvements Division, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Carlson, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

JOINT ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: JO-003-2021 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by rededicating 0.075 mills from Fund 274 Cultural Economy to Fund 260 Road & Bridge Maintenance, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Tabor, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: JO-005-2021 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 operating and capital budgets of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$67,500 received from the Louisiana Office of State Parks for a Land and Water Conservation Program Grant for the Nature Station, transferring matching funds from Nature Station Elevated Boardwalk in the amount of \$67,500 and appropriating within the Community Development Department, motion to adopt by Tabor, seconded by Rubin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

APPEAL

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Appeal of Parish Planning Commission Action - Laurent S. Boudreaux Estate Parcels B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4 & B-5 Case No. PC2020-0078

A motion to approve the action of the City Planning Commission and deny the appeal was offered by Naquin, seconded by Tabor, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to deny the appeal was approved.

Neil Lebouef, Development Manager, explained the appeal. He stated that the request is for preliminary plat approval to subdivide 7.60 acres into five (5) residential lots.

JG Fontenot with KLP Properties stated that he did not know why they would have to do a drainage impact analysis.

Carlson asked if Fontenot got a cost estimate to do the analysis.

Fontenot replied that he did not get a cost estimate to do the analysis.

Andre Montagnet explained that people should not have to spend so much money to meet the Parish requirements.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCIES ON BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: A vacancy exists on the Lafayette Waterworks District South Board as of 02-01-2021, this is a one-year term. *Applicants must be district residents.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: A vacancy exists on the Lafayette Waterworks District South Board as of 02-01-2021, this is a one-year term. *Applicants must be district residents.*

Individuals wishing to submit a resume for the above volunteer vacancies must be a registered voter and a resident of Lafayette Parish. Yearly ethics training for all appointees is required as is financial disclosure under certain circumstances. Resumes are to be forwarded to Veronica L. Williams, Clerk of the Council, P.O. Box 4017-C, Lafayette, LA 70502 or emailed to BCLafayette@LafayetteLA.gov no later than noon, Tuesday, February 23, 2021 with appointment(s) to be made at the March 9, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Lafayette Parish Council. Resume submissions are public record.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNCIL, AS A WHOLE, TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: LBC - Appointment of Robert L. Judge to the Lafayette Parish Library Board of Control for the remainder of an unexpired five-year term, thru September 30, 2025, Carlson recommended Judge, Naquin recommended Christie L. Maloyed, Rubin recommended Andre Breaux, and the vote was as follows:

JUDGE: Tabor, Carlson, Guilbeau

MALOYED: Naquin

BREAUX: Rubin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Robert L. Judge was appointed.

Jared Breaux spoke in opposition to G. Shelly Maturin, II and Robert Judge. He urged the Council to review the resumes for each of the possible candidates.

Jean Menard stated her concern about the education and experience of the people being nominated. She stated her objection to the appointment of Robert Judge and G. Shelly Maturin, II. She indicated her support for Frank Del Favero, Christie Maloyed and Jeremy Monts.

Jamal Taylor stressed that the people appointed to the Library Board should understand the responsibility and follow the policies of the Library Board which has been an issue recently.

Jared Eubanks stated he is in support of appointing Christie Maloyed.

Cory Levier signed in, but was not present when called upon.

Williams announced the emails received for the nominees:

Four (4) emails in support for Andre Breaux

Four (4) emails in support for Frank S. Del Favero

Four (4) emails in support for Christie L. Maloyed

Three (3) in support for Jeremy Monts

Three (3) in support for Clay Weill

20 emails in opposition for G. Shelly Maturin, II

20 emails in opposition for Robert L. Judge

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19: WDN - Appointment of Jared Richard to the Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North Board for a five-year term, effective March 1, 2021. *Applicants must*

be district residents, Naquin recommended Jared Richard, seconded by Carlson, and the vote was as follows:

RICHARD: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Jared Richard was appointed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20: EMS - Appointment of Karen R. Rue to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board for a four-year term, effective March 1, 2021. *Applicants must be a minority as defined by La. R.S. 38:2233.2. This is a joint appointment by the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council,* Naquin recommended Karen R. Rue, seconded by Carlson, and the vote was as follows:

RUE: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Karen R. Rue was appointed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21: EMS- Appointment of Lance Beal to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board for a four-year term, effective March 1, 2021. *This is a joint appointment by the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council,* Tabor recommended Lance Beal, Naquin recommended Christopher C. John, and the vote was as follows:

BEAL: Tabor, Carlson, Rubin

JOHN: Naquin, Guilbeau

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Lance Beal was appointed.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

A motion to introduce agenda items 22 thru 24 in globo, was offered by Naquin, seconded by Rubin.

22. PO-004-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 operating and capital budgets of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$83,000.00 received from the ASPCA, and increasing the use of 206 Fund Balance in the amount of \$13,000.00, and appropriating both within the Elected Officials CAO Department, Animal Shelter and Care Division, for the purpose of expanding disaster preparedness and response capabilities for animals through the purchase of a transport vehicle.
23. PO-005-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the use of PY Fund Balance in the amount of \$49,000 and appropriating within the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Juvenile Detention Division for additional security at the Juvenile Detention Home.
24. PO-006-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21

operating budget of the Lafayette Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$32,819 received from the State of Louisiana Community Water Enrichment Fund and appropriating within the Community Development Department.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 25: Comments from the public concerning the above introductory ordinances.

No comments were made.

The Chair then called for the vote to introduce ordinances (items 22 thru 24), in globo, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to introduce, in globo, was approved.

Due to time limit constraints as per Resolution No. JR-037-2020, A vote was taken to extend the length of the Parish Council regular meeting of up to 30 minutes, motion by Carlson, seconded by Tabor, and the vote was unanimous.

Motion to extend the length of the Parish Council regular meeting was approved.

JOINT INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

A motion to introduce agenda items 26 thru 29 in globo, was offered by Naquin, seconded by Rubin.

26. JO-006-2021 An joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending Chapter 6 of the Lafayette Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances relative to the issuance of alcoholic beverage delivery permits within the City and unincorporated Parish of Lafayette.
27. JO-007-2021 An joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and Lafayette Parish Council authorizing and directing the Lafayette Mayor-President to enter into a new exclusive contractual agreement with Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. and Air Med Services, LLC for emergency and non-emergency ambulance services within the jurisdiction of Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government.
28. JO-008-2021 An joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 operating budget and adjusting the manning tables of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing the use of the City General Fund Prior Year Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,535 to delete one (1) Mail Clerk position and add one (1) Clerk II position in the Communications/311 Division of the Office of the CAO.
29. JO-009-2021 An joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council adopting an update of the Official Drainage Map of Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government and of the Lafayette Parish Drainage District established by

Ordinance No. O-289-2001.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 30: Comments from the public concerning the above introductory ordinances.

No comments were made.

The Chair then called for the vote to introduce ordinances (items 26 thru 29), in globo, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to introduce, in globo, was approved.

COMMENT(S) FROM THE PUBLIC

AGENDA ITEM NO. 31: Comments from the public on any other matter(s) not on this agenda.

Kathleen Espinoza on behalf of the League of Women Voters, stated that the Library Board of Control acted outside of its jurisdiction in denying the community an important library program.

Keith Faulk asserted that the five (5) Library Board members should resign or be terminated.

Jared Eubanks explained that he is ashamed that free money is turned away and that the library cannot talk about anything contemporary unless it is set up as a debate.

Jamal Taylor stressed that the Parish needs to be deconsolidated from the City.

Marja Broussard indicated there should be more compassion for African Americans in Lafayette.

Janice Green affirmed that she celebrates black history everyday and stated that nothing is more dangerous than sincere ignorance.

Takuna El Shabazz advised that the best way for people to celebrate black history is to make more relevant black history based on truth.

Tara Fogleman stated that we have more in common than what divides us. She stressed that living in Lafayette Parish under the current administration is exhausting and embarrassing.

Due to time limit constraints as per Resolution No. JR-037-2020, A vote was taken to extend the length of the Parish Council regular meeting of up to 30 minutes, motion by Naquin, seconded by Carlson, and the vote was unanimous.

Motion to extend the length of the Parish Council regular meeting was approved.

Wallace Senegal indicated that the Mayor-President is doing more for the Parish than he is for the City.

Sharon Patterson explained that Louisiana is consistently last in the nation and we should be tired of being last. She indicated that when there is an opportunity to gain more education, it is turned down.

Alicia Roberts stated that educators should be placed on the Library board and direction should be taken from the most successful library systems in the country like the Los Angeles County Library.

(6:35:00) **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Parish Council, Chair Guilbeau declared the Regular Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Veronica L. Williams
VERONICA L. WILLIAMS
LAFAYETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL